

GOVERNOR PINKHAM ON KAUAI TOPICS

Tells About Local Land And
Other Interesting
Matters.

Governor Pinkham was unable to attend the Civic Convention but sent a letter, dealing with Kauai subjects, which was listened to with great interest. Unfortunately the letter was read in a part of a session when comparatively few Kauai people were present, for which reason it is here presented in full: To the Chairman and Members of the Civic Convention, Lihue, Kauai.

Gentlemen: I regret I am unable to be present at your convention.

Owing to a marked deficiency in income the latter 18 months of the past period, the administration was forced to the most rigid scrutiny and closest economy of expenditures.

I think it will be conceded there has been much accomplished and that our savings have not interfered with public service or welfare.

The Territory of Hawaii enjoys an unsurpassed financial reputation and standing. Her securities have led the market. Her redemption policy carried out in face of a world-wide financial situation, added to her credit.

This administration, which has been keen in its foresight and policy, will continue to guard the financial standing of the territory.

Since the fiscal year has begun and funds are more plentiful, a large amount of public work is being undertaken, and even at this early date the results of the efforts of our able superintendent of public works and those coordinating with him are obvious.

Quality and Economy.

The conception of each project is of the most advanced type and involves the highest class construction with economical cost. Fortunately the administrative forces of the territory are exemplifying the value of "less taking and more doing." Almost every department and bureau is working with excellent spirit and application.

The only territorial public work of moment on Kauai is the Waimea wharf, which has been delayed because the government did not possess the wharf site. This will, I think, be adjusted very shortly, when construction can begin.

The island of Kauai is a very self contained island and its citizenship a practically compact body able to execute its will.

The island resources are large and average stability and prosperity prevails, hence the county government is well supported financially as well as having sound men for the various county offices.

The real problems are those of disposition of public lands and the conservation and utilization of government waters, and the problem of transportation.

It is too early to discuss the lands of Waimea, Hanalei, etc., as they do not come into government possession until 1918-1920.

The real problem is the lands on the east side of Kauai adjacent to the Makee and Lihue plantations and constituting a part of their cane lands, amounting to some 4621 acres, and such other lands as can be homesteaded.

All the lands are entitled to their share of government water.

Amount of Water in Doubt.

The amount of water has been variously estimated. The tables and figures of the bureau of hydrography are so scientific in terms they have to be interpreted to secure a commercial basis for comprehension and action.

The government has not the necessary money to conserve and distribute these waters, and it could not well adapt itself to the varying circumstances of seasons, cultivation, and individual notions in applying the water to say two

hundred homesteads.

It has been trying to have the two plantations set aside personally and form an independent government supervised organization to conserve and distribute the water.

I mention the two plantations, as they are the only main sources of capital and have at nominal leases made large amounts of money out of these government lands and leases.

The governor believes this policy of independent conservation and distribution can and will be brought about and that the factors to bring it about are in the government's hands.

Some of the incidental delays and problems have been very trying and I have felt the homesteaders and public would feel weary. There is, however, a principle involved that has to be fought out, I trust peacefully.

Transportation for these lands and products must be adjusted to a public service basis and administration.

I believe the interests concerned will yet see the point and cheerfully concede it.

Arable Land Question.

There is no more trying subject than the arable agricultural lands of the territory.

The facts are available to everyone but it seems as if at home and abroad everyone is bent on misrepresentation with the result that all officials are compelled to correct erroneous statements.

On Kauai there are 10,050 acres of cane land, all leased, except 750, but in the course of two to five years most of them will be available for homesteading. Other arable lands total 5749 acres, all under lease.

Some recklessly claim quite an area can be secured from the Waimea pastoral lands. It is doubtful, but can only be determined by survey and not by free guessing.

The administration is earnestly trying to settle these problems. They could have undoubtedly been settled before this had we been willing to accept proposals put before us but while they might prove a temporary relief, they have not been calculated to finally conform to the principles involved.

I trust Kauai may continue as prosperous as the island is beautiful, that its residents may continue to enjoy the happy neighborly society characteristic of the place, and continue to prove that village life holds more of happiness than urban surfeit.

I feel I may prematurely congratulate you on this meeting, which cannot fail of success.

Most sincerely,

(Sgd.) LUCIUS E. PINKHAM,
Governor of Hawaii.

BROADBENT AFOUL OF A HAWAII COP

Kauai Apostle of Law and
Order Strikes An Unexpected Snag

R. H. W. Broadbent, manager of Grove Farm, arch friend of the homesteader and homesteading and all-round good citizen, had a rare experience with the country police of the island of Hawaii a few days ago, from all accounts. He together with members of his immediate family and his brother, is making a tour of the big island, taking over one of his cars from Lihue for the purpose. The story of what happened is told in the following from the Hawaii Herald, a newspaper published at Hilo:

There is one Kauai man at least who is wondering what on earth may happen to him before he gets off the island of Hawaii. He is Manager Broadbent of Grove Farm, Kauai, and he and his family had been on this island for some weeks taking in the sights and looking over the cane fields.

Mr. Broadbent, who is also accompanied by a brother who hails from New Zealand, tells of an incident that seems to throw this is-

land's police into bad odor. The actions of the police officer at Papaaloa do not seem to be right, on the face of the story told by the visiting Kauaiian.

One day this week Broadbent was driving along the belt road on a pleasure trip. As he approached a covered bridge near Papaaloa, and before he started to cross the house-in structure, he heard a rapidly approaching horse galloping over the bridge. As the rider was making fast time Broadbent thought it better to pull to one side and stop his car, instead of attempting a meeting with the horsemen when in the tunnel-like bridge.

The Kauai man stopped his car on one side of the road, but that did not do much good for the horseman came swinging along and, without the slightest slowing down, calmly hit the automobile head on and smashed the headlights and did other damage.

As this sort of thing does not go on as a rule on the Garden Island, Broadbent was a trifle upset, and he and his brother asked the horseman what in Hades he was doing galloping over the bridge and hitting innocent automobiles. Instead of replying in a manner which might have smoothed down things a little, the horseman remarked that he was a police officer and that if the "bunch" did not take care he would "pinch" the crowd and take them to Laupahoehoe. Now that was about the limit, and Broadbent wondered what on earth else could happen.

The policeman was asked why he, an officer, should gallop across a bridge. He replied that he was chasing up a prisoner whom he was conveying to the lockup. Upon being asked where the prisoners was, he said that the man had gone on ahead under orders to keep to the road, while the cop dropped in to see a friend and have a soda-water. There was rather a heated conversation for some time on the road and the matter of the damaged car was brought up. The cop could not listen to anything and repeated his threat to arrest the bunch.

The party broke up after a while and, later on, Broadbent went to Laupahoehoe to interview the deputy sheriff. The Kauai man just arrived in time to witness the making out of a warrant for the arrest of his party on a charge of headless driving! Then there ensued a few more strenuous moments while the Kauaiians wondered if they would be taken out and shot or sentenced to jail for life. The deputy sheriff declared that he had to "protect" his officers. Broadbent wanted to know if "protection" meant giving the cops a license to gallop over innocent visitors from the other islands, damage their cars and threatened them with arrests if they kicked against the outrages.

As there seemed to be nothing to do but square the matter somehow, and as Broadbent only has one month's vacation from his plantation, the matter was settled by dropping talk about suing the cop for the damages done to the car. Broadbent said that he could not afford to hang around Hawaii until the case could be settled.

The Broadbent car had, in the meantime, been repaired and a fresh start from Papaaloa was decided upon. Then Manager Hutchinson tried to help matters by turning the car around for his visitors. There was a crash and bang went another twenty dollars worth of lamps. Hutchinson suggested that the Kauai party remain for a few more days and take some side trips but Broadbent smiled and remarked that he thought he had better leave the Hamakua coast while he had some car left. He intends to see some of Kona and Kau and he needs the car. The Kauai man's friends hope that he will not meet with any further pilikia while on the other side of the island.

Land Patents

Governor Pinkham has signed the following:

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H. K. HOPE, Eye Sight Specialist, Advt.

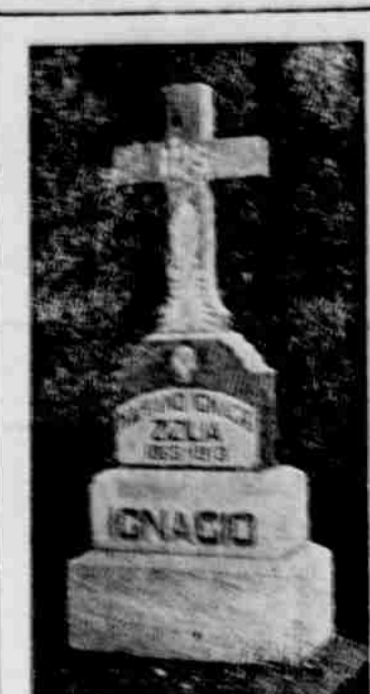
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